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Suffering of British Prisoners in Germany.

How the Huns Treated Our Men in the Wittenburg Camp During Typhus Epidemic.

London, April 9.—The government committee on the treatment in Germany of British prisoners of war, of which the Hon. Mr. Justice Younger is chairman, has issued a report on the conditions prevailing in the Wittenburg camp during the typhus epidemic of last year.

The report is based on information from repatriated prisoners, and especially from Major Priestley, Captain Vidal and Captain Lauder of the Army Medical Corps, who were sent to the camp shortly after the outbreak of the epidemic, and who were recently released from Germany.

The three officers mentioned are the only survivors of six British doctors sent to the Wittenburg camp by the Germans, "to take up," says the report, "the place of duty abandoned by their own medical staff, when the presence of typhus manifested itself."

The records of the epidemic kept by the British officers, were taken from them before their departure from Germany, but the report gives in detail the condition of the camp and the treatment of prisoners and patients, which the American Ambassador, James W. Gerard, in his report last November, said was "even more unfavorably than I had been led to expect."

According to the released officers, there are 15,000, and sometimes more, prisoners in the camp, which the committee says "is an enormous population for so restricted an area as ten and a half acres." There were no proper heating arrangements, and the men were insufficiently clothed, their overcoats having been taken from them before their departure from Germany. Many had neither boots nor socks. There was an insufficient supply of water and soap, and Major Priestley says he found the men "gaunt, of a peculiar gray pallor, and verminous."

The supply of food was also insufficient, even in the hospital, until supplies arrived from England.

"The only provision for personal cleanliness made for the men," says the report, "was one cupful of soft soap, issued at intervals of many weeks, to a room containing 120. In consequence the men became increasingly verminous, and that condition, coupled with cold and want of proper nourishment, was undoubtedly the principal inducing cause of the epidemic."

The epidemic broke out in December, 1914. "Thereupon," says the

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outside the camp.

"What the prisoners found hardest to bear in the matter were the jeers with which coffins were frequently greeted by the inhabitants of Wittenburg, who stood outside the wires and were permitted to insult the dead."

After the middle of April the conditions commenced to improve, and with the arrival of warm weather the cases rapidly decreased, and by the middle of May all the British were convalescent. Adequate provision was made to deal with any future outbreaks, improvements being effected, according to the committee, as a result of the visits of Ambassador Gerard and members of his staff.

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The committee condemn the retention of Aschenback, head of the camp, and as evidence of his attitude cite an incident. When one of his staff supported the request of Captain Lauder for medical requisites, he curtly refused the request with the words, "schweine Engländer."

The report continues: "The cruelty of the administration of the Wittenburg camp became notorious. Savage dogs were habitually employed to terrorize the prisoners; flogging with a rubber whip was frequent. Men were struck with little or no provocation, and tied to posts with hands above their heads for hours. Captain Lauder reports that many of these men went so far as to look upon the typhus, with all its horrors, as a God-send. They preferred it to the presence of German guards."

Princess to Kitchenmaid.

DEVOTED TO A GOOD CAUSE.

It is characteristic of Princess Alexander of Teck that she should be content to act in the humble capacity of kitchenmaid at Princess Christian's Red Cross Hospital at Englefield Green, near Windsor, where she helps to cook the meals, washes up the dishes afterwards, and spares herself none of the drudgery of kitchen work. Like her husband, Prince Alexander, who accepted the chairmanship of Middlesex Hospital, in which she might continue the beneficent work of his late brother, Prince Francis, the Princess devotes a good deal of her time to practical philanthropy, and few charitable schemes are launched in which she does not take a personal interest.

The daughter of the late Duke of Albany, the Princess married Prince Alexander in 1904, when she was 21 years of age. Exactly how much truth there may be in the romantic stories that are told of the foreign princess to the hand of the Princess "Alice in Wonderland," as she was called in her younger days because of her fervent devotion to the works of Lewis Carroll, it is difficult to say. That she early determined, however, like her cousin, the Princess Louise, that she would not marry a foreign Prince, is certain, and her marriage with Prince Alexander gave general satisfaction in this country.

A woman possessing her full share of that personal charm and cleverness which distinguish all the members of the Royal Family, Princess Alexander is devoted to home and her two children. She has often confessed that she spends the best hours in the seclusion of her own family. At the same time she has many studies, hobbies, and outdoor recreations.

Unlike most members of the Royal Family, she does not make music one of her pursuits, but she is a keen student of modern literature, a first-rate linguist, and an artist of no mean merit. Riding, however, is the Princess's favorite recreation, and like her cousin, the Queen of Holland, she is a splendid horsewoman.

Kansas!

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Slwash."

Kansas, the geographical and atmospheric center of the nation, is a large rectangular state of mind situated just east of the Rocky Mountains, just north of the color line and just west of the plug hat belt. It has 1700,000 people and would have more but for the fact that citizens fitted by temperament to become Kansans are scarce and cannot be imported by boatloads like New Yorkers.

Kansas consists of a large number of ideas revolving at a high rate of speed. Even the weather has brain storms in Kansas and when a collection of wind gets dizzy and starts across the state in a funnel-shaped gyroscope, the alarmed citizens rush for the polls under the impression that another populist campaign is imminent. Everyone in Kansas thinks and thinks out loud into his neighbour's ear with a megaphone. Reason is King in Kansas—almost any old reason. Senator Ingalls, the greatest reformer of epidemics ever known in the United States Senate, is the state's greatest hero, and William Allen White, who once condensed an essay on "What is the Matter with Kansas" into two columns and 789 adjectives, is its prophet.

Kansas once produced corner lots, grasshoppers and whiskers almost exclusively. Thirty years ago the rich men of the state were those who could put their possessions in their pockets and walk out of it while the poverty stricken masses had to stay behind and pay taxes on 1,000 acres of land apiece. But the wild, free air of the prairies produced thought and conversation, and this in time curled the atmosphere and produced rain. After that, Kansas turned its attention to wheat, literature, and legislation, and has made a marked success of all three. The Kansas farmer would blush if he were seen in a last year's automobile and the Kansas legislature regulates railroad appetites, weather, chorus girls and politicians with equal skill and energy. Kansas is also famed for its red literary stars White, Howe and Walt Mason, who only visit New York once a year and then with return tickets safely tucked away.

Kansas is a semi-arid state in its small towns that visitors from St. Louis have to drink spring tonic all summer to keep their throats from season-cracking. The state has more college students per thousand people, sends more editors to Congress, and has more jails which are being used for hep houses than any other state. It was once the home of bad men with nervous and hasty revolvers. But by allowing these citizens full play upon each other they were gradually exterminated, and Kansas now produces best sellers and reformers, and is acquiring not only tall brows, but deep

pockets. It will never outvote the nation, but it has been out-talking it already for many years.

New Purchase.

The three masted schooner Lawson has been purchased by Messrs. Balne, Johnstone & Co. She will be used for foreign fish carrying trade and is capable of taking about 5,500 drums of fish for a load. At present she is in Boston and will go to New York to load general cargo for here. The Lawson was built at Port Gravelle, N. S., seven years ago. She is 311 tons gross and 274 net.

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